

SEC. 702. IMPLEMENTATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR SELECTED RESERVE DENTAL INSURANCE PLAN.

(a) IMPLEMENTATION BY CONTRACT.—Subsection (a) of section 1076b of title 10, United States Code, is amended—
 (1) by inserting "(1)" after "(a) AUTHORITY To ESTABLISH PLAN—":
 (2) by designating the third sentence as paragraph (3); and
 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1), as designated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, the following new paragraph:
 "(2) The Secretary shall provide benefits under the plan through one or more contracts awarded after full and open competition."
 Procedures. (b) COLLECTION OF PREMIUMS OF MEMBERS NOT RECEIVING BASIC PAY.—Subsection (b)(3) of such section is amended by adding at the end the following: "In the case of a member who does not receive basic pay, the Secretary of Defense shall establish procedures for the collection of the member's share of the premium for coverage."
 (c) SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—Section 705(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public Law 104-106; 110 Stat. 373; 10 U.S.C. 1076b note) is amended—
 (1) in the first sentence, by striking out "October 1, 1996" and inserting in lieu thereof "October 1, 1997"; and
 (2) by striking out "fiscal year 1996" both places it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "fiscal years 1996 and 1997".

SEC. 703. DENTAL INSURANCE PLAN FOR MILITARY RETIREES AND UNREMARIED SURVIVING SPOUSES AND CERTAIN OTHER DEPENDENTS OF MILITARY RETIREES.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF DENTAL PLAN.—(1) Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1076b the following new section:

"§ 1076c. Dental insurance plan: certain retirees and their surviving spouses and other dependents

"(a) REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a dental insurance plan for military retirees, certain unremarried surviving spouses, and dependents in accordance with this section.
 "(b) PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR PLAN.—The following are persons

eligible to enroll in the dental insurance plan established under subsection (a):

"(1) Members of the Armed Forces who are entitled to retired pay.

"(2) Members of the Retired Reserve who would be entitled to retired pay under chapter 1223 of this title but for being under 60 years of age.

"(3) Eligible dependents of a member described in paragraph (1) or (2) who are covered by the enrollment of the member in the plan.

"(4) The unremarried surviving spouse and eligible dependents of a deceased member—

"(A) who dies while in a status described in paragraph

(Dor (2); or

"(B) who is described in section 1448(d)(1) of this title.